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If Teddy Roosevelt were in the Whitehouse, Microsoft would have been split into at three companies five years ago.

Since ours is an age in which politics is defined almost purely by money, it is not surprising that the Bush Justice department has entirely caved in the face of Microsoft's monopoly.

I applaud those attorney's general who have balked at the preposterous settlement. Microsoft must be punished for it's anti-competitive practices, it's extortion of pc makers and its racketeering to fix prices and control the digital age.

Microsoft should be forced to compete on an even laying field. This is the only way we can stop the endless production of plagiarized software (every Microsoft OS from Window 3 to the new XP (a blatant rip off of Apple's superior OS X)), application designed to cripple competing operating systems and it's relentless march to acquire and profit from the personal information on every single pc in the world.

Throughout it's history, Microsoft has indulged in not only anti-trust violations but racketeering and blackmail as well.

I hope you will continue your struggle against this behemoth.

Sincerely,

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